must be eradicated wherever it exists. Government are firmly resolved to take alJ other necessary steps that are required to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.

Repatriation of Indian Fishermen Languishing in Pakistani Jails

508. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian fishermen in Pakistani Jails as on the 31 st October, 2001;

(b) the number of Pakistani fishermen in the Indian Jails;

(c) the number of fishermen repatriated by Pakistan and India before the Agra Summit; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to get the Indian fishermen released?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) As per available information there were 48 Indian fishermen in Pakistani jails as on 31 st October, 2001.

(b) The release and repatriation of 202 Pakistani fishermen detained in India is in process.

(c) India released 160 Pakistani fishermen and Pakistan released 159 Indian fishermen in April and June, 2001 respectively.

(d) Government have taken up with the Government of Pakistan the issue of release and repatriation of 48 Indian fishermen arrested by Pakistan on 30.10.2001. Government of Pakistan is, however, yet to acknowledge their arrest.

Indo-Bangladesh Relations

509. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's expectation with the installation of new Government in Bangladesh in respect of Indo-Bangladesh relation, security of the minority community-, illegal migration of Bangladeshis into the country